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Sir:

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Notice of Allowability and Issue Fee Due form mailed September 15, 2003 acknowledging the filing of an Information Disclosure Statement on July 7, 2003.

Applicants also submitted an Information Disclosure Statement on October 8, 2003. It is noted that this Information Disclosure was submitted after the Notice of Allowability was Issued. Therefore, since the Information Disclosure Statement was submitted with the required certification and fees, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner evidence consideration of the references cited in the IDS of October 8, 2003 by providing a copy of the initialed Form PTO-1449.

If a conference would be beneficial in expediting the prosecution of the instant application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to arrange such a conference.

Respectfully submitted,

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